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REPORT FOR 1910-11



The Co-Operative Workrooms

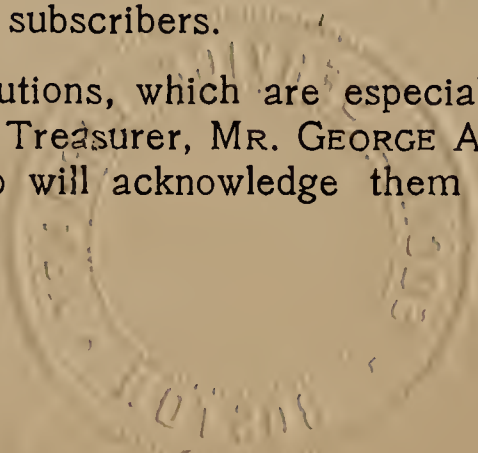
The Managers of the Co-Operative Workrooms again make their annual appeal for funds to carry on their never ending work. During the past year we have given work to 153 women, 68 of whom we helped for the first time, and teaching a large proportion to do much better sewing than they had been able to do before coming to us. Our Superintendent also tries to influence our workers to make their homes neat and clean and to save, if possible, at least a small percentage of their earnings.

Two cases will serve as illustrations of our work. A young woman with a large family, her husband unemployed, had tried to obtain work but was not strong enough to do scrubbing, the only occupation for which she thought she was fitted. She came to us as a last resort. She knew very little of sewing but was eager to learn and soon did fairly creditable work, and her pleasure was very gratifying. She said: "This will be such a help now, I can save so much by making the children's clothes." Her husband has obtained employment and now she is "saving" and hopes some day to have a bank account. Another woman had become so discouraged that she did not care for or manifest any interest in her work. She seemed very stupid at first but gradually roused up and we found she had been through a hard experience and had lost all hope. While she did not make any great improvement with her needle we found she did like housework but thought herself incompetent to take the full charge of a family. Our Superintendent now and then has a call for someone who can assist and who is willing to work for small wages. We suggested to one of these inquirers that they should try this woman and the experiment proved a great success to both parties.

In the death of our most valued director, Miss Georgiana G. Eaton, our society has lost not only a staunch supporter of the work but a member whose sympathy and personal council gave us great help. Her loss is irreparable but the memory of her stimulating influence will be cherished by her fellow directors.

Our friends have always been so kind to us that we hope they will continue their aid to carry on this worthy charity and we shall be very grateful for any new subscribers.

Annual contributions, which are especially desired, or donations may be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. GEORGE A. GODDARD, 10 Tremont Street, Boston, who will acknowledge them in the "Transcript," or privately if desired.



TREASURER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 1911

RECEIVED		PAID	
Balance stated	\$ 599.50	Salaries Oct. 1, 1910	
Add. to Balance unex-		to Nov. 1, 1911	\$ 800.00
pended	50.00	Rent and heat	36.85
Collections, 127 persons	1423.00	Materials	972.36
Interest at bank	18.83	158 women for sewing	1143.02
Sales, 13 months	1415.70	Nov. 1, 1911, balance	554.80
	<u>\$3507.03</u>		<u>\$3507.03</u>

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